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**Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Reappoints
Bankruptcy Judge John E. Ryan in Santa Ana**

Chief Judge Procter Hug, Jr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has announced the reappointment of Bankruptcy Judge John E. Ryan to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, effective October 1, 2000. His new 14-year term will expire in 2014. He maintains his chambers in Santa Ana.

Judge Ryan, 59, is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Pacific Christian College, and Georgetown University Law School, where he edited the Law Review. He served in the United States Navy for six years (1963-1969), serving in active duty in Vietnam for two years. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Ryan practiced corporate and insolvency law with the Boston firm of Hale and Dorr (1972-75). He was on the in-house legal team of the New York Stock Exchange and the American Stock Exchange (1976-84), and practiced securities and corporate law with the San Diego firm of Jennings, Engstrand and Henrickson.

Judge Ryan was appointed to the United States Bankruptcy Court on October 6, 1986. He sits on the Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel and was instrumental in the formation of the Orange County Bankruptcy Forum, which helps to increase communications between the Judiciary, Clerks' offices, the Bar Association and other legal professionals. Judge Ryan has been an active member of several judicial committees of the Ninth Circuit. These include the Judicial Conference Committee (1994-97), and currently the California State-Federal Judicial Council and the Ninth Circuit Media Advisory Panel. He also is a member of the California Bar Association, the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, and a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy.

The judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit are charged with the statutory responsibility for selecting and appointing the 68 bankruptcy judges in the nine western states that comprise the Ninth Circuit. The court uses a comprehensive merit selection process for the initial appointment and reappointment of bankruptcy judges. Bankruptcy judges serve for 14-year, renewable terms, at a salary of \$129,996, and handle all bankruptcy-related matters under the Bankruptcy Code.